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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A FUNDING ADJUSTMENT TO
FIVE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS AGREEMENTS**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Black Infant Health (BIH) program will implement the Funding/Services Adjustments and Reallocations provision of subject agreements. This provision allows the Director of Public Health to reduce the applicable County maximum obligation for services provided if there is an underutilization of funds by a Contractor, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the applicable County maximum obligation, and to reallocate the funds to other providers.

The current contract funding allocations for Great Beginnings for Black Babies, Inc. (GBBB) and The Children's Collective, Inc. (TCCI) will be reduced by \$15,000 each for FY 08-09. These funds will be redistributed evenly, \$10,000 each, among the other three BIH Contractors, which include Mission City Community Network, Inc., Partners in Care Foundation, and Prototypes. These allocations will be effective from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

A review of their current FY 08-09 contract expenditures reveals an anticipated underutilization of funding. As a result, BIH will redistribute the underutilized funds to the other three BIH contractors, which have all expressed the need for additional funding to administer the BIH program due to the significant increases in costs. This additional funding will further assist these agencies in meeting their program objectives.

On February 19, 2009 and March 4, 2009, BIH staff met with GBBB and TCCI, respectively, to discuss the possibility of decreasing their allocation and redistributing the funds to the other three BIH contractors. Acknowledging the budgetary hardships of the other three agencies, which ultimately could impede the delivery of BIH services in Service Planning Areas 1,2 and 3, both GBBB and TCCI agreed to the reallocation.

The funding redistribution is reflected in the chart below:

BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS				
Contractor Name	Contract Number	Current Contract Allocation	Allocation Change	Effective 1/01/09 - 6/30/09 Revised Contract Allocation
The Children's Collective, Inc.	H-700539	\$489,938	(-\$15,000)	\$474,938
Great Beginnings for Black Babies, Inc.	H-700540	\$508,212	(-\$15,000)	\$493,212
Mission City Community Network, Inc.	H-700341	\$244,750	\$10,000	\$254,750
Prototypes	H-700339	\$228,200	\$10,000	\$238,200
Partners in Care Foundation for BIH Antelope Valley	H-700340	\$228,900	\$10,000	\$238,900
Total		\$1,700,000	\$ -0-	\$1,700,000

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know within seven days of the date of this memorandum, as the redistribution will be effective on that date.

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